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	AF	1,398,203	11/21/1921	Schmidt			
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	CF	3,336,606	08/22/1967	Beitzel				
	CG	3,406,772	10/22/1968	Ahrent et al.				
	CH	3,411,766	11/19/1968	Lanigan				
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	DD	3,845,947	11/05/1974	Lee				
	DE	3,893,197	07/08/1975	Ricke				
	DF	3,897,973	08/05/1975	Long et al.				
	DG	3,905,591	09/16/1975	Scharr et al.				
	DH	3,916,461	11/04/1975	Kerstholt				
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	EE	4,240,169	12/23/1980	Roos			
	EF	4,258,445	03/31/1981	Zur			
	EG	4,312,500	01/26/1982	Janssen			
	EH	4,336,621	06/29/1982	Schwartz et al.			
	EI	4,409,695	10/18/1983	Johnston et al.			
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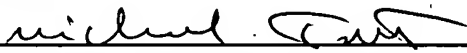
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	GB	4,858,260	08/22/1989	Failor et al.			
	GC	4,862,529	09/05/1989	Peck			
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	GE	4,894,876	01/23/1990	Fenwick			
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	GI	5,040,253	08/20/1991	Cheng			
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	HB	5,103,519	04/14/1992	Hasty			
	HC	5,105,486	04/21/1992	Peterson			
	HD	5,129,117	07/14/1992	Celestina et al.			
	HE	5,148,562	09/22/1992	Borders et al.			
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	HG	5,157,800	10/27/1992	Borders			
	HH	5,193,633	03/16/1993	Ezenwa			
	HI	5,205,004	04/27/1993	Hayes et al.			
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	IE	5,454,126	10/03/1995	Foster et al.				
	IF	5,469,588	11/28/1995	DiMatteo et al.				
	IG	5,479,666	01/02/1996	Foster et al.				
	IH	5,577,279	11/26/1996	Foster et al.				
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	JC	6,089,593	07/18/2000	Hanson et al.			
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